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1. ACCORDING FONOFF AND MITI, FORMAL GOJ DECISION TO PARTICIPATE

IN COPPER P/C MEETING EXPECTED WITHIN THIS WEEK. FONOFF
OFFICIAL SAID JAPAN WOULD PROBABLY BE REPRESENTED EITHER BY
GENEVA MISSION REPS. OR OFFICIALS ATTENDING MAR. 16-27 CIEC
SESSION IN PARIS. MITI REP. NOTED THAT WITH MARCH 31
FISCAL YEAR-END APPROACHING, GOJ SHORT OF TRAVEL FUNDS,
AND THAT ALTHOUGH MITI WOULD LIKE TO SEND COPPER EXPERT
FROM MITI-SUPERVISED METAL MINING PUBLIC CORPORATION,
IT PROBABLY WOULD HAVE TO GET BY WITH OFFICIALS ALREADY
IN EUROPE ON OTHER BUSINESS, POSSIBLY ADVISED BY PRIVATE
INDUSTRY SPECIALISTS WHO COULD TRAVEL AT THEIR OWN
EXPENSE. FONOFF REP. ADDED, HOWEVER, THAT IF AGENDA
FOR MARCH MEETING APPEARS TO BE MAINLY PROCEDURAL HE
DOUBTED THAT INDUSTRY SPECIALISTS WOULD BE EITHER
NECESSARY OR INTERESTED IN ATTENDING.

2. RE SUBSTANCE AND STRATEGY, FONOFF REP. OBSERVED
THAT ALTHOUGH IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT TO REFUSE TO
DISCUSS MATTERS RAISED BY PRODUCER SIDE, GOJ HOPES
DIALOGUE CAN BE STEERED INTO FORMAT OF A STUDY GROUP,
AVOIDING ANYTHING THAT LOOKS LIKE THE PRELIMINARIES
TO A COMMODITY AGREEMENT. IN THIS CONNECTION HE REMARKED
THAT FIN. MIN. STALLING IS BEHIND THE DELAY
IN GOJ DECISION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE MEETING AND THAT
REASON IS FINANCE'S APPREHENSION THAT JAPAN WILL COME
UNDER PRESSURE TO ACQUIESCE IN ESTABLISHMENT OF A BUFFER
STOCK IN WHICH JAPAN'S SHARE AS WORLD'S LEADING IMPORTER,
WOULD BE COSTLY.
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